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SUBJECT: TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION FURTHER SPECULATION RE
USE OF THE BASES IN A MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

1. AFTER SOME WEEKS ABSENCE FROM THE SCENE ARRIBA'S NEW YORK CORRESPON-

DENT FELIX ORTEGA HAS LOST NO TIME IN GETTING BACK IN THE
HEADLINES HERE WITH A STORY FEATURED IN TODAY'S "ARRIBA" UNDER
THE TITLE "MADRID COULD PERMIT THE USE OF THE BASES IN CASE
OF A CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST." (THIS IS ONLY THE MOST
RECENT IN A SERIES OF SPECULATIVE ARTICLES IN THE SPANISH PRESS
ON THIS THEME, AND CERTAINLY WILL NOT BE THE LAST). ORTEGA

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CLAIMS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS MADE KNOWN TO CONGRESS ITS

BELIEF "EQUIVALENT TO A PERSONAL OPINION"- THAT THE SPANISH GOVT
MIGHT PERMIT THE UTILIZATION OF US INSTALLATIONS HERE INCASE
OF A CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST. ORTEGA GOES ON TO POINT OUT
THE TREATY OF COURSE MAKES CLEAR THAT EACH TYPE OF MILITARY USE OF THESE

FACILITIES IS SUBJECT TO PREVIOUS CONSULATION AND AUTHORIZATION
BY THE SPANISH GOVT.

2. ORTEGA ALSO REPORTS ON THE PROGRESS THROUGH THE CONGRESS OF
LEGISLATION PROVIDING FY 77 FUNDS FOR SPAIN UNDER THE TREATY,
WITH THE CONCLUSION THAT THERE ARE NO COMPLICATIONS.

3. TODAY'S MADRID PRESS ALSO HIGHLIGHTS SENATOR JAVITS REPORT
ON HIS VISIT TO SPAIN WHICH WAS APPARENTLY MADE PUBLIC YESTERDAY
IN WASHINGTON. EMPHASIS HERE IS LAID ON THE SENATOR'S
SUGGESTION THAT THE SPANISH DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS BE GIVEN
THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE US GOVT.
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